

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

--~~[[For a]]~~An analytical test element for blood analyses is provided having at least
~~[[comprising]]~~ a substrate body having a channel structure for the flow transport of a
blood sample from an application site to at least one analytical site~~]],~~ the invention
proposes that ~~t]]~~the channel structure has a dilution channel that can be loaded with
the blood sample and is provided with a separation ~~[[means]]~~ component for retaining
corpuscular blood components and has a sample channel which conveys a blood
sample aliquot to be diluted and joins the dilution channel at a mixing site.--.